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FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025 ONE DOLLAR

One Dead, One Injured in Tragic Attempted Murder-Suicide

Tangi Times Report

On Monday evening at approximately 5:45pm, the Tangi Times received a call from a concerned citizen to report gunshots heard behind McDonald's on West Pine Street in Ponchatoula. When we arrived on the scene, ambulances had just left with two injured people bound for North Oaks Hospital, and there was heavy presence from Ponchatoula Police and Fire.

According to an eyewitness statement, a woman entered McDonald's on Pine Street with intentions to shoot her husband, a restaurant employee, over a domestic matter. He ran from the restaurant into the rear parking lot, where she followed him and shot him in the arm.

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He fled past the neighboring Car Wash Depot to the Tire & Automotive building and yelled for them to call the police. He then hid in tall weeds in a field immediately to the east of the tire shop.

The woman followed, carrying a gun, then believed to be a snub nose .38 caliber revolver, in plain view through the parking lot and stood in the field beside the tire shop, where the employees locked the building down. The woman searched for the injured man but was unable to see him behind the cover of the tall weeds.

The Ponchatoula Police arrived and instructed the woman to put down the gun. She then raised the gun to her own head and pulled the trigger.

Emergency response personnel arrived and attempted to resuscitate the woman, later identified as Cabrina Stanley. Ambulances took both parties to North Oaks Hospital for treatment. Unfortunately, Mrs. Stanley was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Her injured husband, Kelvin Stanley, was listed in stable condition.

The Stanleys were married for seven years.

A Message from District 10 Parish Councilwoman Strader Cieutat Regarding the Dollar General Market on Hwy 22 W and Dutch Lane

Timeline of events for Dollar General Market at LA Hwy 22 W & Dutch Lane:

On March 7, 2023, the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission denied Dorsey Development DG, LLC of an application for a DG Market Store in unincorporated Tangipahoa Parish. On March 27, 2023, an appeal was made by Dorsey Development DG, LLC to the Parish Council. No motion was made by the council; therefore, the ruling of the Planning Commission would stand.

In April 2023, Dorsey Development DG, LLC filed suit against the Tangipahoa Parish Council-President Government and Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission, and in September 2023, the 21st JDC ruled that the TPC-PG and TPPC acted in accordance with the Tangipahoa Parish Code of Ordinances. An appeal followed in January 2024, and the judgement was reversed in October 2024 by a three-judge decision of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit.

Measures to protect our community:

For several years, Tangipahoa Parish Council has heard the concerns of residents regarding the negative impacts of our accelerated growth. Many of us are lifelong citizens of Tangipahoa Parish, and we have seen the gradual change that our parish has experienced through development and expansion.

While growth is an essential component of survival in communities and can have many benefits, sadly it has come at a high cost for some in our area. In many places, we have seen the suppression of local businesses through large retail. Many of us are experiencing the strain on our infrastructure, and we have seen how the change in our landscape has created negative impacts on our environment.

The previous council, along with the Parish, updated its Comprehensive Plan during the 2022-2023 year. The 2045 Tangipahoa Comprehensive Plan was developed through hosting multiple community meetings, facilitating community surveys, and pairing citizen input with comprehensive research and analysis. As a long-term policy document, the 20-year plan identifies 4 focus areas as priorities: Infrastructure and Community Facilities, Economic Development,

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Early Voting Starts Saturday

Early voting for the upcoming May 3 election will begin Saturday, April 19, and will continue through the following Saturday, April 26 (excluding Sunday, April 20). Both Hammond and Amite Registrar of Voters offices are open to conduct early voting from 8:30am – 6:00pm during early voting week.

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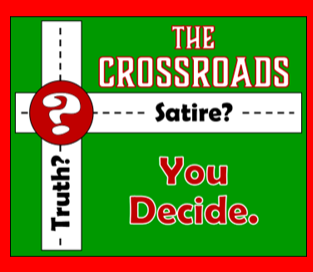

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Weekend Weather

Saturday 4/19	Sunday 4/20
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From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

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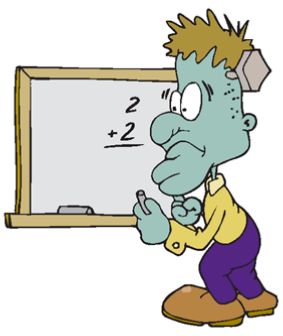
85% of Americans don't know how to do basic math.



Thank God I'm part of the other 25%.

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Can you cite the movie that featured this memorable quote? Email the answer to publisher@tangitimes.com.

"I love the smell of napalm in the morning."

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Congratulations to Melanie Jovovic for being the first to correctly identify last week's challenge from PULP FICTION!

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The Origins of Earth Day

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

Every year, on April 22, people around the globe roll up their sleeves, grab a garbage bag, plant a tree, or at least pretend to care more about their houseplants – and it's all in the name of Earth Day. But where did this dirt-loving holiday come from? And why do we celebrate it smack in the middle of April, just when the pollen is out for blood?

Let's dig in. Earth Day was born in 1970, back when bell-bottoms were bold, leaded gasoline was standard, and nobody batted an eye at factories belching smoke like they were auditioning for a volcano documentary. A U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, Gaylord Nelson, decided enough was enough.

Inspired by student anti-war protests and concerned about the state of the planet, he thought, "Hey, what if we used that same energy to save the environment?" He recruited activist Denis Hayes, and the two of them rallied the troops – college kids, teachers, tree huggers, and even the occasional confused squirrel.

The first Earth Day was a hit – 20 million Americans turned out to march, teach, and raise some serious awareness. It was like Woodstock, but with fewer guitars and more recycling bins.

That day sparked real change, too: the Environmental Protection Agency was created, and landmark laws like the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act followed soon after. Who knew a bunch of folks in flannel shirts yelling about pollution could get so much done?

Now, about that date – April 22 wasn't chosen at random. It falls right between spring break and final exams, which meant lots of college students were around, available, and ready to raise some eco-conscious ruckus.

It also usually offers decent weather across much of the U.S. (unless you live in south Louisiana, in which case it could be 90 degrees, raining sideways, or both). Either way, it's a fine time to get outside and show the Earth some love.

So how can we celebrate down here in the boot-shaped state we call home? Well, lucky for us, Louisiana offers plenty of earthy opportunities. You can join a litter pickup along the Tangipahoa River, help plant native trees in local parks, or even organize a neighborhood clean-up, complete with iced tea and those folding chairs that sink slowly into the ground.

If you're feeling extra spicy, you can volunteer at a wetland restoration project. Our wetlands are basically the Earth's kidneys, and goodness knows they need a little help these days.

Not the muddy-boot type? That's fine too. You can reduce your single-use plastics, turn off your porch light so the moths don't lose their little minds, or support local farmers and makers at a weekend market.

If nothing else, maybe just take your coffee outside and whisper something nice to the nearest tree.

So this Earth Day, whether you're planting a garden, paddling through a bayou, or finally remembering to recycle that tower of Amazon boxes, just know you're part of something big. Earth Day started with one good idea and a whole lot of people who cared enough to do something. Fifty-plus years later, it's still going strong – and we're still figuring out how to treat this big ol' spinning rock with the respect it deserves.

Happy Earth Day, y'all. Hug a tree. Just watch out for the fire ants.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

Saturday April 19
8am
Draggin' Main Street
Car, Truck, Rat Rod, & MC Show & BBQ Cookoff
Town of Kentwood & Kentwood Rotary
Main Street Square, Downtown Kentwood

Saturday April 19
10am
Easter Eggscape @ Cate Square Park
Junior Auxiliary of Tangipahoa
200 W. Charles St., Hammond

Saturday April 19
10am-1pm
2025 Easter Eggstravaganza
Chappapeela Sports Park
19325 Hipark Blvd., Hammond

Saturday April 19
11am-1pm
Earth Day Café w/ cookie decorating, games, and nature-themed snacks
Hammond Branch Library
314 E. Thomas St., Hammond

Saturday April 19
12pm-5pm
Eggstravaganza
Gnarly Barley Brewing Company
1709 Corbin Rd., Hammond

Sunday April 20
7am
Easter Sunrise Service
Natalbany Creek Campground
30218 Hwy 16 W., Amite

Fri April 25 – Sun April 27
Italian Festival
50081 Hwy 51, Tickfaw

Saturday April 26
10am
TARC Tickfaw River Regatta
Riverside Marina
29504 Hwy 22, Springfield

Sunday April 27
Jazz Festin' Brush & Brim Paint Class
Revival Art House
495 SW Railroad Ave., Ponchatoula

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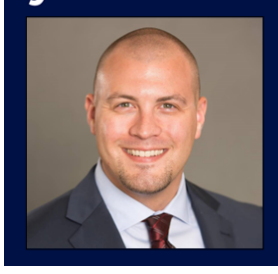

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Ned Welles Annual Barbeque Fundraiser

Our annual Ned Welles Barbeque Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 24, starting at 12:00. The venue is the Ponchatoula Beach Pavilion. What makes this year's event special besides the great food and fellowship is the fact that this is the 20th year. In those 20 years, the scholarship fund has given over $700,000 in scholarship help to Millsaps College, SLU, Tulane, and many students graduating from Ponchatoula High.

Our famous event will include two bands, mountains of fresh seafood and rivers of cold libations. There will be large and small water slides for the children. The cost is still a great bargain at only $25 per person.

To celebrate our 20 years, we are adding a one-time event called Ned 20. We will have a large bucket at the event to accept donations that will be used for a special scholarship at Southeastern Louisiana University. Whatever money is collected at the event will be matched by the scholarship fund. All proceeds will benefit SLU with a special scholarship.

We will again hold our online auction. The auction will begin about a week ahead of time and will close at 4:00 on Saturday, May 24. We are looking for many unique and exciting auction items. I suggest that you consider donating restaurant gift cards, special events you can put on (host a special dinner, coordinate a special or unique event or share your talent or expertise) or do something that would be interesting to others. Please let Sparky or Catie know so your item can be added to the auction list. You can e-mail Sparky at sparky@j-vins.com. We want our auction to be the best ever.

If you are unable to attend this year but still want to support us, you can still help. Anyone interested in providing additional help to our scholarship fund is invited to send their donation to Ned Welles Memorial Scholarship Fund at P.O. Box 770, Ponchatoula, La. 70454. NWMSF is a 501(c)(3) charity.

Barbara McKaskle Earth Day Clean-Up

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

Hammond is about to get a whole lot cleaner – and a whole lot sweeter – thanks to a very special event honoring a very special woman. On Tuesday, April 22, at 10am, Keep Hammond Beautiful and the City of Hammond are hosting the Barbara McKaskle Earth Day Clean-Up, and trust us – you'll want to be there with your walking shoes, your reusable water bottle, and your best "let's do this" attitude.

Barbara McKaskle

Why Barbara? Because if you ever spotted a tiny lady with a big heart and a litter grabber on North Oak Street, that was probably her. Mrs. McKaskle, fondly remembered as "The Trashy Lady" (a nickname she embraced with pride and humor), dedicated years of her life to keeping her beloved Hammond clean, bag by bag, squirrel by squirrel (don't ask), and sometimes, oddly, possum by possum.

For Barbara, picking up litter wasn't just a chore – it was a mission. Rain or shine, she patrolled her adopted street of North Oak like a one-woman anti-trash task force.

Between 2015 and 2018, Barbara personally picked up hundreds of bags of garbage, reporting each one with charmingly detailed emails that included everything from lost flip-flops and stray chicken bones to a dead owl and, once, a "huge, stinky armadillo."

She didn't just pick up trash; she documented her treasures with the dedication of a scientist and the storytelling skills of a Southern grandma.

She lived in Whitmar Acres and was a familiar, comforting presence for anyone who traveled her favorite walking route. Even after she moved to Ruston around 2018, she continued to send updates and remind us all that caring for your community doesn't stop just because your zip code changes.

Barbara passed away this January at the age of 90 – though you'd never guess her age if you'd seen her in action.

To honor her legacy and her joyful fight against litter, the Earth Day Clean-Up will begin in North Oak Park and spread out along the very street she walked so many times. Volunteers will be given safety vests, gloves, bags, and grabbers courtesy of Keep Hammond Beautiful and the City of Hammond. There will also be a water cooler onsite for refills, because Barbara was a huge advocate for reusable bottles, of course.

Whether you knew her or not, this is a chance to celebrate someone who left her town better than she found it. It's also a chance to show that the quirky, caring, community-minded spirit she carried lives on in the rest of us.

So come out on April 22, get a little fresh air, maybe find a lost sock or two, and help carry on the mission of the one and only Trashy Lady of Hammond. After all, the Earth could use a little extra love. And so could North Oak Street.

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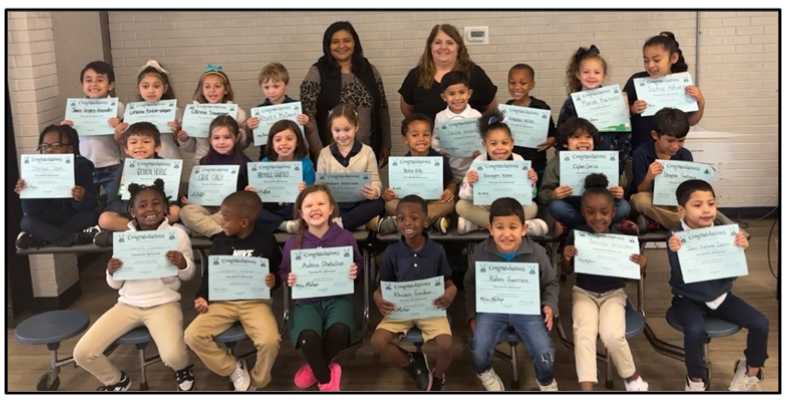
Pandarific Students

Perrin ELC recognized students from each classroom to receive the March Pandarific Student Award. These exceptional students were chosen by their teachers for emulating Perrin's PAWS Expectations by practicing respect, acting responsibly, making wise choices, and ensuring that safety matters. The students received a Pandarific certificate, a Raising Cane's free kid's meal certificate, and a prize from the treasure chest.

R1 (L-R): Margo Brim, Aariah Gregoire, Kyleigh Walker, Lia Sandoval, Raegan McKnight, Avianna Fletcher, Rhianna Alexander, Josiah Davidson
R2 (L-R): Kenneth Carter, Christian Dupre, Ashly Paredes, Marlee Cooper, Marley Rabalais, Scarlett Glass, Zion Omotoyo, Andrew Iverstine, Kamelia Peterson, Caliana Claitor
R3 (L-R): Ari Wilson, Luke Richardson, Lakaylin Braziel, Jacob Chirinos, Peyton Vernon, Bre'Honesti Hogan, Keanu Scanlan, Chloe Wuthrich
Also pictured: Lorinda Elzy, Principal; Kelly Mizell, Assistant Principal



R1 (L-R): Aubrielle Johnson, Grayson Andrews, Aubree Chatellier, Khisen Gordon, Kalem Guerrero, Arrielle Williams, James Guebara-Castron
R2 (L-R): D'Arious Davis, Gideon Neville, Chloe Sibley, Brynlee Gautro, Avalynn Robertson, Kevin Kelly, Remington Kitchens, Dylan Garcia, Grayson Santana
R3 (L-R): Juan Lopez-Grandes, Lilyana Portillo-Vasquez, Olivia Simmons, Rhett McDonald, Christian Jimenez, Kingston Wilson, Mariah Martinez, Sofia Alfaro
Also pictured: Lorinda Elzy, Principal; Kelly Mizell, Assistant Principal
Not pictured: Declan Keen and Jose Ponce

TANGI GUMBO
A little bit of everything you need to know

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The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help identifying and locating a suspect and vehicle believed to be connected to a rash of vehicle burglaries. On Friday, April 11, multiple vehicles in the Kellie Drive area of Hammond were broken into. As the investigation was underway, a credit card stolen from one of the vehicles was used at a gas station in Amite. A surveillance video and image show the suspect who used the stolen card and the vehicle they were traveling in when the credit card was used. It is a 2012 silver Honda Accord with front-end damage on the passenger side, a spare passenger-side front tire, and no window tint in the back window. The license plate is 602 HEF. However, this individual is not the owner of the vehicle. Detectives are working to locate the owner to determine whether the vehicle was stolen or if this individual is known to the vehicle owner. Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about who this suspect is, or their and the vehicle's whereabouts, to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-414-7253. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You may be eligible for a cash reward.

The Hammond Police Department is currently investigating a theft that occurred at Old Navy, located at 330 Palace Drive, on April 9. A customer inadvertently left her purse unattended while shopping. An unknown black female grabbed the purse and left the store. She immediately proceeded to Target, where she used the victim's credit card to purchase a daiquiri machine. Security footage shows the suspect has multiple tattoos on her hands and legs, including a heart tattoo on her right hand between her thumb and index finger. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Randall Baudier with the Hammond Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division at 985-277-5740, via the Hammond Police Department's Facebook page, or through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's anonymous tip line at 1-800-554-5245. Be a part of the solution, and you may be eligible for a cash reward.

Shortly before 10:00pm on April 15, 2025, Troopers with Louisiana State Police Troop L began investigating a single-vehicle crash on LA 10, just west of LA 1054 in Tangipahoa Parish. The crash claimed the life of 46-year-old Chad Easley of Kentwood. The preliminary investigation revealed that a 1999 Dodge Ram, driven by Easley, was traveling eastbound on LA 10. For reasons still under investigation, the Ram traveled off the roadway to the right and impacted a tree. Easley was properly restrained, suffered fatal injuries, and was pronounced deceased on the scene. Impairment is not suspected, but a standard toxicology sample was obtained and will be submitted for analysis. This crash remains under investigation.

Acting United States Attorney Michael M. Simpson announced the April 9, 2025, unsealing of an indictment against KYRIN HUDSON ("HUDSON"), age 29, of Tangipahoa Parish, charging him with distribution of a substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, resulting in the death of a victim. If convicted, HUDSON faces a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of twenty years and up to a maximum term of imprisonment of life, a fine of up to $1,000,000, and at least three years of supervised release following imprisonment. Acting United

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OF THE WEEK

POS Dustin Stevenson

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force has arrested a man from Amite in its latest operation. Dustin Stevenson, 28, has been booked on 5 counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles and four unrelated outstanding warrants.
Late last month, the TPSO ICAC Unit started investigating the uploading of pornography involving juveniles onto social media. Detectives were able to identify Stevenson, who was living in Hammond at the time, as the person uploading the material. He was taken into custody Monday, April 7, along with multiple electronic devices.
Additional charges may be forthcoming as the devices seized are analyzed.

All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty

Three Arrested in Roseland Shooting with One Dead, One Injured

From Team Tangi

On behalf of the Roseland Police Department, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) has arrested three people in connection with a shooting that claimed one life and injured another.

Keydrann Tate, 21, of Independence; Javion Kidd, 19, of Fluker; and a 16-year-old boy from Independence have been charged with 1st Degree Murder, Attempted 1st Degree Murder, and Armed Robbery.

Just after midnight on Wednesday, April 16, a 911 call reported a shooting in the 63000 block of Commercial Street inside the town limits of Roseland. When Roseland Police arrived, they found two males shot. An 18-year-old male died on scene while a 17-year-old male was taken to an area hospital where he was treated and released. The deceased victim's identity is being held pending family notification.

Roseland Police requested TPSO take the lead on the investigation which led detectives to identifying the three suspects and then attempts to locate them began.

Tate turned himself in to authorities, while the other two were located as they were arriving at school before classes began. They were taken into custody without incident.

At this time, detectives believe this incident stemmed from a firearm transaction among this group.

While no additional suspects are anticipated, this joint investigation remains ongoing.

DOLLAR GENERAL

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Environment and Quality of Life, and Land Use Planning.

The focus of this project is Land Use Planning, and currently the team is in the beginning phase of Plan Imple-mentation. Detailed information can be found at www.tangi-2045.com.

Here are the facts:

It is important that the public know that this store site was NEVER approved by the Tangipahoa Parish Planning Commission, the Tangipahoa Parish Council (previous or current), or anyone affiliated with Tangipahoa Parish Government. Approval for the permit was obtained solely through the decision of the Court of Appeal, First Circuit. Many reasons were cited for the court's decision, but the lack of zoning was the proverbial nail in the coffin for the Parish.

The previous council stood with the people and went to court to prove their case. The judges' decision was final, so now the Parish is moving forward with the 2045 Comprehensive Master Plan focusing on Land Use Planning.

Since taking office:

After the surprising and disappointing reversal by the Court of Appeal, I obtained copies of studies from other parish planning commissions to see how we could protect our community's identity and character. As a member of the Developmental Regulations Committee, in November 2024, I brought forth the importance of creating a definition for small box discount stores and the need for a moratorium.

After much discussion, a definition for small box discount store was introduced and later unanimously adopted by the Tangipahoa Parish Council on January 13, 2025. In addition, a 120-day moratorium was introduced and unanimously adopted at the same meeting.

While the moratorium is a short-term solution, it provided the team time to assess impacts to residents' quality of life and property values and to draft regulations that establish minimum site design and construction for these land uses. Due to a vested right through the court system, the proposed DG Market at Hwy 22 W & Dutch Lane would not be affected by these new ordinances.

In February, our team met with the developers to discuss the possibility of pausing construction on the Hwy 22 W & Dutch Lane site until the standards for small box discount stores were developed, introduced, and adopted. During the meeting, we discussed improvements to architectural standards, landscaping requirements, signage, concerns about dumpster locations, façade design standards, etc.

Unfortunately, an agreement to halt construction until the moratorium would be lifted was not reached, and any future design standards for this site would not take effect. This decision was based on court costs, and it was stated that the future site would maintain the currently approved design for their DG Market.

Discussion remained professional throughout the meeting, and concerns regarding signage, dumpster visibility, and landscaping will be considered; however, the project is financially committed and approved through the court order. Land clearing began in early April and project completion is expected by late summer.

The committee has been working diligently and collaboratively to create a strong set of architectural and beautifi-cation standards to put in place for future small box discount stores, and these were introduced at the council meeting on April 14, 2025. As we navigate Comprehensive Plan 2045, this is a great start to improving the de-sign, construction, and building standards within our parish.

As we work toward updating our development regulations, we will continue to evaluate whether these site and construction standards are appropriate parish wide, or if they should be applied only within certain areas. Because we do not currently have zoning districts, we have to treat all small box discount stores the same, no mat-ter where they are located.

While many may support the tax base that these small box discount stores bring to the Parish and believe these businesses offer a service to the people, my interests lie with the preservation of the integrity of the community and protecting the general health, safety, and welfare of the public. The oversaturation of small box discount stores in District 10 is alarming, and even the developer agreed!

At one meeting, I brought up the need for a 5-mile distance requirement standard; however, the committee felt a 2-mile distance requirement was more appropriate at this time. I believe having a distance requirement in place can positively impact and protect our local small business retailers. Measures such as these that are necessary in preserving our character, culture, traditions, and identity.

Moving forward:

The Parish will use this case as a learning experience while we continue to develop updates and standards for our 2045 Comprehensive Master Plan.

As a member of the legislative branch of government, and as a hardcore conservative who believes in small government, I understand there is a delicate balancing act that must take place. We need to be very cautious and deliberate in our discussions to include how we can best support each community's needs. Our parish is unique in many ways, and we need to ensure that everyone's best interest is considered.

I encourage citizens to attend our community meetings to be part of the conversation. You can find information about these meetings and others on the Tangipahoa Parish Government Facebook page, Strader Dufreche Cieutat – Tangipahoa Parish Council District 10 Facebook page, and Tangipahoa.org.

Council meetings are broadcast live and are also recorded. Being in tune to these meetings will provide great insight into what is taking place across the parish.

As always, I am available to answer any questions and look forward to hearing from you if I can assist in any way possible.

Strader Cieutat, District 10

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Buckle Up in Your Truck Campaign

From LHSC

April 17, 2025 - Louisiana law enforcement officers are cracking down on unbuckled pickup truck drivers and passengers with a $50 ticket and a warning that they risk being seriously injured or killed in a crash by not wearing a seat belt.

Through April 27, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission is sponsoring the Buckle Up in Your Truck campaign. This enforcement wave provides extra funding for law enforcement officers to pull over pickup truck drivers if they or any of their passengers are not properly wearing their seat belts.

"We know that pickup truck drivers are less likely than other drivers to wear their seat belts," LHSC Executive Director Lisa Freeman said. "What's happening is that too many pickup truck drivers are getting killed."

In 2023, 62% of all pickup truck drivers who were killed in crashes were not wearing a seat belt, according to data from the Center for Analytics and Research in Transportation Safety at LSU. That percentage is higher for pickup truck drivers than it is for drivers of cars, vans, and SUVs.

Each occupant of a motor vehicle, including those in the back seat, must properly use a seat belt or child seat in Louisiana. A first-offense fine is $50, and subsequent violations are $75.

A 2024 LHSC observational survey shows that 88.4% of all car, truck, and van drivers and passengers in Louisiana use their seat belts. While that is an all-time high rate for Louisiana, it remains stuck under 90% because only 82.7% of people in pickups buckle up.

The national seat belt use rate was at 91.2% in 2024. So, there is room for improvement in Louisiana.

"Occupants in pickup trucks used seat belts less often than occupants in other vehicle types," the researchers wrote. "That has been the case every year of this survey," since 2017.

The 2024 survey also reveals that people in some areas of the state buckle up in their truck more than others. People in the Shreveport area had the state's highest pickup truck seat belt usage rate at 93.9%, while those in the Alexandria region had the lowest rate at 66.0%.

"The bottom line is, buckle up in your truck, save 50 bucks, and possibly save your life," Freeman said.

The "Buckle Up in Your Truck" statewide enforcement campaign runs each year during the third week of April.

Public Notices

TOWN OF KENTWOOD

Advertisement for Bids
TOWN OF KENTWOOD

The Town of Kentwood is accepting sealed bids for the purchase, as is, of 5.03 acres, M/L, Section 29, T1S, R7E, Town of Kentwood, Tangipahoa Parish Assessment # 97705, and all improvements thereon (commonly known as the Kentwood Nursing Home) and subject to all leases and servitudes thereon, located at 912 Avenue G, Kentwood, LA 70444. The delivery of the sealed bids can be hand delivered or certified mail to Town of Kentwood, 308 Ave G, Kentwood, LA 70444.

If the Bidder wants to appraise the property, the Town of Kentwood shall be provided with a copy of the appraisal.

Within one week of the awarding of the Bid, the winning Bidder shall submit to the Town a purchase agreement and a deposit of $10,000.00 in the form of a cashier's check payable to the Town of Kentwood.

The purchase agreement shall provide for the Bidder to pay all closing costs and that the closing shall occur no later than Ninety (90) days after the bid is accepted.

At the closing, payment must be in the form of a Certified Cashier's Check.

Please contact Kentwood City Hall at 985-229-3451, to schedule an appointment to view the property.

The Town of Kentwood reserves the right to reject any and all bids pursuant to the law.

Publish in the Tangi Times on April 19th, April 23rd, and April 30th, 2025.

Mayor Irma Gordon
Town of Kentwood

Cost of notice: $ 29.86

CITY OF PONCHATOULA

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING
CITY OF PONCHATOULA
Request to Appeal the Consolidated Board's denial for a Variance

The City of Ponchatoula will hold a public hearing to review the request to Appeal the Consolidated Board's decision to deny a request made by John Jackson for a Variance to place a digital Billboard at NW Interstate 55 Service Road, Ponchatoula, LA 70454 (Tax Assessment # 3945200). The Appeal will be heard at the City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2025, a 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

125 W. Hickory St. All interested parties are invited to attend. Questions regarding this matter may be presented to the Council at this time.

Nikki James, City Clerk

Posted April 16, 2025.
Publish April 19, 23, 26, 30 & May 3, 2025.

Cost of notice: $ 38.76

PUBLIC NOTICE

An application for preliminary approval of Cane Preserve Subdivision has been submitted to the City of Ponchatoula Consolidated Board. Proposed to have 11 single family units. Located on a 4.8 of an acre tract of land on Weinberger Rd and E McClellan St, Ponchatoula LA. A Public hearing will be held on Monday April 28, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock pm in City Hall Council Chambers located at 125 West Hickory Street, Ponchatoula LA. All interested parties are invited to attend. Questions or concerns regarding this

matter may be presented to the Commission at this time.

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UNKNOWN THE EATER

John's Wok N Roll

269 E Railroad Ave, Unit A, Independence
Hours: 11:0am-8:00pm, 7 days per week
Wed-Sat 10:30am-8:00pm
Overall score:
4/5 stars – very good

John's Wok N Roll is an authentic Chinese restaurant that occupies the south end of the old train depot building it shares with the familiar classic American diner, The Depeaux.

When in Independence, my hunger seems to invariably make its presence known to me, so when I learned that a new kid had appeared on the block, I had to give it a try. While this restaurant opened on March 31 of 2025, the town acts like it's been around for a while. After all, the entrepreneur, Mr. John Wong, is no stranger to the Tangi restaurant scene.

My first time dining in was about the second or third day it was open, and my experience exceeded my expectations. The service is professional, and the food is just as good. Mr. John makes sure that you feel the culture in the air accompanied by the authentic food.

Let's get started on the appetizers. Food such as egg rolls, egg flour soup, wings, and more. As a fan (and possibly an aficionado) of egg rolls, I had to try them, and I believe they could be the best in the parish.

After three visits, the service just got better and better. I felt like a friend on my first visit and family on the second and third visits.

I should be ashamed of myself for not stepping outside my comfort zone here, but I enjoyed the Number 11 so much on my first visit that I ordered it again on my two ensuing visits. Of course, all three were accompanied by egg rolls. The flavors were mouthwatering, and even the fried rice is remarkable. To tip it over the top, I recommend adding chicken to it.

My only complaint about my experiences with John's Wok N Roll would be the wait to get in, which is typical for new restaurants all over Tangipahoa Parish. The longest I had to wait to pick up food was about an hour and 15 minutes. I chose to view it as an exercise in anticipation, as it just kept my stomach excited for the food.

The Unknown Eater recommends this authentic Chinese Indy eatery – two chopsticks up!

21st JDC Court Pleas

From Team Tangi

GREENSBURG – 21st Judicial District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that on April 2, 2025, Marco Williams, 43, appeared before Judge Brenda Bedsole Ricks and pleaded no contest to possession with intent to distribute Schedule I and two counts of possession with intent to distribute Schedule II.

The defendant was sentenced to serve 10 years in the Department of Corrections on the first count, and five years in DOC on each of the remaining counts with the sentences to be served consecutively.

The court suspended sentencing and placed the defendant on active probation for five years. The defendant was also ordered to pay a $3,000 fine plus court costs, pay a $100 fee to DARE, and be subject to random drug testing.

GREENSBURG – 21st Judicial District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that on March 28, 2025, Ivy Watson, 27, appeared before Judge Charlotte Foster and pleaded no contest to creation or operation of a clandestine lab and possession with intent to distribute Schedule IV.

The defendant was sentenced to serve 15 years in the Department of Corrections on the first count and five years in DOC on the second count. The court suspended sentencing and placed the defendant on probation for five years.

The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of $5,000 plus court costs, forfeit weapons that were seized, and wear a GPS monitor at all times, as terms of probation.

AMITE – 21st Judicial District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that on March 31, 2025, these defendants appeared before Judge Charlotte Foster and entered the following pleas:

Rodrica Jones, 31, of Slidell, pleaded no contest to failure to return leased moveable and possession of marijuana. Defendant was sentenced to drug court and will serve three years active probation, pay a fine of $500 plus court costs, and make restitution.

Cardell Barnes, 31, of Kentwood, pleaded no contest to second degree rape. The defendant was sentenced to serve 15 years in the Department of Corrections.

GREENSBURG – 21st Judicial District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that on March 21, 2025, these defendants appeared before Judge Brian Abels and entered the following pleas:

Shawn Davis, 52, pleaded no contest to attempted possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The defendant was sentenced to serve three years in the Department of Corrections.

John Lanier, 35, pleaded no contest to home invasion. The defendant was sentenced to serve 10 years in the DOC.

GREENSBURG – 21st Judicial District Attorney Scott Perrilloux reports that on March 14, 2025, Warren Hills, 20, appeared before Judge William Scott Dykes and pleaded no contest to unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling and illegal use of weapons.

Perrilloux said the defendant was sentenced to serve five years in the Department of Corrections on the first count and two years in DOC on the second count. The court suspended sentencing, and the defendant was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay a fine of $500 plus court costs.

The defendant was also ordered to be subject to random drug testing and may not have a firearm.

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Obituaries

EUGENE "GENE" PAUL MUMMA

Eugene "Gene" Paul Mumma

Eugene "Gene" Paul Mumma, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and best friend, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the age of 76, in Loranger, Louisiana, surrounded by his family. A longtime resident of Loranger and of the Greater New Orleans area, he was the son of the late Lila and Merle Mumma.

Gene is survived by his beloved wife, Rose Mumma; children, Paul Mumma (Stacy Berthelot), Michael Mumma (Heidi), and Jessica Dayhoff (Gary); grandchildren, Sophie Dayhoff, Skylar, Lyla, and Michael Mumma Jr.; and his sister Merlene Eubanks, along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Juanita Jo Civello.

As an entrepreneur, Gene, along with his wife, founded Gene's Greenhouses and Flower Pot Nursery and Patio Center, Inc; where they shared their passion for plants and brought beauty to many for decades. He was known for his love of teaching everyone how to boil and eat crabs/ crawfish as a true Louisianan, hosting family gatherings, and the warmth and generosity he extended to everyone he knew. Gene's legacy of hard work and simple joys will continue to grow in the hearts of all who met him.

Contact the family for information about memorial services.

Carolyn Sue Henry Addison; 76; Independence; April 10; survived by her loving husband, Raymond Addison; sons, Todd Addison (April), Wilton Addison (Tracy), and Milton Addison (Lon); granddaughters, Amanda and Lauren Addison; niece, Dava Teague; sister-in-law, Ethel Sibley (Wilton); and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Denise Ann Latour; 63; Hammond; April 11; survived by her husband, Rodney Schmaltz; sons, Trey (Partner, Darren), Cody, and Jacob; daughter-in-law, Mallory; a grandson due in June; parents, Althea and Johnny Latour; brother and sisters-in-law, John and Beth, Kenny and Gina; and a vast, extended New Orleans family.

Gerald Wayne Morgan, Jr.; 50; Hammond; April 12; survived by his father, Gerald Morgan, Sr. (Emma); siblings, Zachary Morgan (Jessica), Lucas Morgan (Callie), and Samantha Lott (Paul); numerous nieces and nephews; and his adopted second mother, Becky Lawler (Joseph Porter).

Brandi Ann Core; 41; Hammond; April 12; survived by her mother, Tammy Kling (Okie); daughters, Samantha Fisher (Robby), Brooklynn, and Rylei; grandchildren, Robert Fisher Jr. and Waylon; sister, Victoria Arnone (Chris); brother, Devin Gray; five nephews; and three nieces.

Eugene "Gene" Paul Mumma; 76; Loranger; April 13; survived by his wife, Rose Mumma; children, Paul Mumma (Stacy), Michael Mumma (Heidi), and Jessica Dayhoff (Gary); grandchildren, Sophie, Skylar, Lyla, and Michael Jr.; sister, Merlene Eubanks; and many nieces and nephews.

Nona Merle Flynt Stilley; 85; Albany; April 13; survived by her two sons, William Flynt Stilley and Benjamin Samuel Stilley.

Barbara Garwood Karpa; 75; April 13; survived by her former husband, John Karpa III; sons, Geoffrey Karpa (Anne) and Sean Karpa (Chelsy); and grandchildren, Amelia, Eleanor, and a grandson on the way.

Diane Rose Fazzio Medley; 79; Hammond; April 14; survived by her husband, Mark Medley; children, Clayton Nepveux, Jr. (Betty), Donna N. Bach (David), and Rose O. Duet (Danny); stepchildren, Hillary Perret (Michael) and Travis Medley; twelve grandchildren; two step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Carolyn and Patricia Fazzio.

Fennie Nicolosi Tallo; 93; Hammond Native; March 14; survived by her sister, Rosalie Collura; children, Patricia Tallo Booth (Stephen), Carla Tallo Dreitlein (Carl), and Kenneth Tallo (Laurie); seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and family members.

Horace Ray Starkey; 70; Kentwood; April 14; survived by his children, Lenore Starkey, Steven Starkey (Samantha), Tony Starkey, Tonya Collins (Jason), and Leslie Shaffett; sister, Judy Terrell (George); brother, David Starkey; significant other, Patricia Starkey; grandchildren, Chesli, Hope, Paige (Nicholas), and Jason, Jr.; and two great-grandchildren.

April Lynn Arnold Albright; 40; April 14; survived by her husband, Mark Albright; parents, David and Pam Arnold; brother, Paul Arnold (Kandy); sister, Jennifer Powers (Andy); mother-in-law, Mary Albright; brothers-in-law, Allan, Adam (Rixie), Matthew (Bridget), and Michael Albright; and many nieces and nephews.

Chad David Monroe Easley; 46; Kentwood; April 15; survived by his daughter, Tori Easley; father, David Easley; sisters, Lisa Fussell (Christopher), Amanda Bracy (Byron), and Melissa Reno; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, family members, and friends.

Rebecca Allen Cavin; 70; Amite; April 15; survived by her husband, Billy Cavin; daughter, Mary Tadlock (Arthur); daughter-in-law, Shanon Smith; sons, Denny Perkins, Kyle Wales (Kristin), and Kris Wales; sister, Rhonda Morris (Leslie); sister-in-law, Patricia Allen; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; life-long friend and sister-in-law, Cheryl Sibley; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ida Johnston Baxter; 82; Ponchatoula; April 15; survived by her many friends, whom she loved and cared for as family.

Robbye Kirkland Bell; 89; April 15; Hammond; survived by son, Kirk (Karen); daughter, Andrea; granddaughter, Kymberleigh (Stephen); great-granddaughter, Gabriella (Ramon); great-great-grandson, Oscar; brothers, Richard (Sharon), Wayne (Judy), and Milton Bell (Cathy); sisters Myra McGee (Leonard) and Winnie Bell; several nieces and nephews; and fur babies, Max, Mini, and Molly.

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Gardening for Everyone

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

It's springtime in Tangipahoa Parish, and you know what that means – time to dig in, get dirty, and pretend we all know what we're doing in the garden. Whether you've got a yard the size of a football field or just a windowsill and a dream, this is the season to sprout your green thumb and grow something wonderful (or at least something you don't immediately kill).

Now, if you're new to gardening and your past plant experiences include a wilted basil from the grocery store and a cactus that somehow gave up on life, don't panic. Spring is the perfect time to start fresh, and gardening can be a whole lot easier – and cheaper – than you think.

To get going, you don't need to spend a fortune or build a Pinterest-perfect greenhouse. A few containers (even old buckets or Tupperware with holes poked in the bottom), a small bag of good soil, and a hand trowel will get you started just fine.

Don't forget a watering can – or honestly, any cup that can get the job done. The real magic ingredient is patience, though you'll need a little sunlight and a whole lot of hope too.

When it comes to what to grow, start simple. Herbs like basil, mint, chives, and parsley are practically foolproof and will make you feel like a professional when you pluck them fresh for your pasta.

If you're feeling confident, try cherry tomatoes, peppers, or cucumbers. They're beginner-friendly, relatively low maintenance, and best of all, edible.

If you've got a small yard or even a sunny patch of grass, raised garden beds are a game changer. You can build one out of just about anything – old wood, cinder blocks, or even a forgotten dresser drawer – and they help keep weeds down, make watering easier, and save your back from all that bending over.

For folks without a yard, small space gardening is the way to go. A porch or balcony can house pots of lettuce, spinach, or radishes, and vertical gardening – like using a pallet or hanging baskets – lets you take advantage of every inch.

Even indoors, you can grow a surprising number of things. A sunny windowsill is perfect for herbs like thyme or oregano, and green onions are practically magic – just plop the roots in a glass of water and watch them regrow like it's no big deal.

Keeping costs low is part of the fun. Instead of buying fancy planters, use what you have around the house. Seeds are cheaper than starter plants, and watching them sprout is like living in a slow-motion nature documentary.

Ask around – gardeners are a generous bunch and will often share cuttings, seeds, or even plants they're thinning out. You might walk away with a tomato plant and a new friend.

And if you mess it up? That's fine too. Every crispy leaf and overwatered pot is just part of the learning curve.

Gardening isn't about perfection; it's about curiosity, connection, and celebrating the small victories. Even if your harvest is just one slightly lopsided cucumber, you still grew it, and that's something to be proud of.

So put on your floppy hat, roll up your sleeves, and get out there. This spring, why not grow something good? After all, every garden starts with a little dirt and a lot of heart.

TANGI GUMBO

(FROM PAGE 3)

States Attorney Simpson praised the work of the Drug Enforcement Administration Fentanyl Overdose Response Team (FORT), the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, and the Hammond Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Lauren Sarver and Rachal Cassagne of the Narcotics Unit are handling the prosecution.

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) needs the public's help identifying and locating the suspect in a vehicle burglary investigation. On March 29, multiple vehicles were broken into in the Jesse Bickford Road area of Tickfaw. Various items were stolen, including at least one gun. Surveillance video captured the suspect, believed to be a white male standing 6'0" tall and weighing around 250 lbs., committing the crimes. This suspect is also believed to be connected to at least 20 other vehicle burglaries in the Tickfaw and Natalbany areas. Sheriff Gerald Sticker encourages anyone with information about the suspect's identity or whereabouts to contact the Criminal Investigations Office at 985-402-0214. If you'd prefer to share information anonymously, you can do so through Crime Stoppers of Tangipahoa's tip line at 1-800-554-5245 or visit www.tangicrimestoppers.com and click on the P3 Tips icon or Submit A Tip! You may be eligible for a cash reward.

Convention Awards

From the Gardenettes

Vicky Fannaly received Member of Honor, Lifetime Achievement Award at the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. Convention on April 8 in Alexandria, LA. Presented by LGCF President Tricia Ortalano, Fannaly was nominated by the Gardenettes.

Gardenettes received first place in both state and Deep South Garden Clubs Inc. for their publici-ty pressbook. They have achieved this honor for several years. A monetary award for social me-dia and awards for non-competitive Garden Club Achievement and Arbor Day were also present-ed to the club. Clubs represented at the convention also belong to National Garden Clubs, Inc.

In May, Fannaly will begin a two-year term as LGCF District VI Director, a position held by her mother-in-law Ruth Fannaly in 1955. District VI includes thirteen clubs from Washington Parish to West Baton Rouge and Iberville parishes.

Fannaly, who has been in Gardenettes (Ponchatoula) for 45 years, also holds membership in Belle Oaks Garden Club (Hammond), Tangipahoa Parish Master Gardeners Association, Gladio-lus Garden Club of Oklahoma (a zoom organization), North Shore Daylily Association, and the Ponchatoula Branch Library Garden Club. She is active in the LGCF as Webmaster and Summer Board Chairman.

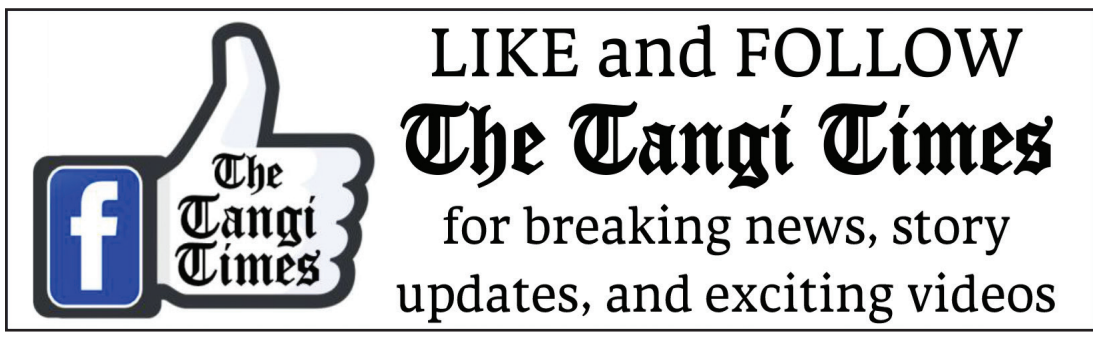
(Courtesy Photo)

Gardenette Vicky Fannaly was chosen as Member of Honor, a Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Tricia Ortalano, president of the Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc. at the state convention on April 8.

PONCHATOULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Citywide Yard Sale
NOTICE

The official organizer of the Citywide Yard Sale event is now Trails End Antiques. Please contact Brenda at 985.386.5776 for all inquiries, vendor sign-ups, and event details.



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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The holiday week's Campus Corner was pretty quiet on Monday, with only the Southeastern golf team in action in the Arkansas State Spring Invitational. The two-day event ended with Lawerence Allen's club(s) taking fifth in the 10-team field with a +17 over 881.

Also on Tuesday, the regular season came to a close in a successful way for the Southeastern tennis team when the Lady Lions picked up a 7-0 road win in Jackson over Mississippi Valley State. Jason Hayes' club fin-ished the slate with a mark of 13-8 and 3-6 in the Southland and are off until next week's SLC Tournament in Thibodeaux.

Tuesday night, baseball's six game winning streak came to an end at home to the talons of nationally ranked Southern Miss, 8-7. Things looked good for Bobbie Barbier's troops, who took a 7-4 lead into the top of the ninth, but USM erupted for four in the top of the ninth to claim the win, dropping the Lions to 29-8 on the year.

Wednesday saw no teams in competition, but the diamond teams both hit the field on Thursday. Softball was in the Alamo City against Incarnate Word, and baseball hosted Texas-Rio Grande Valley.

Friday, the Lady Lions play a twin bill starting at 11:30. At 4 in the afternoon, the beach volleyball team is in the Crescent City to square off with Tulane in the NOLA Classic. Then, two hour later, it's baseball's game two at 6 at Alumni Field.

Saturday morning, beach volleyball plays a pair, starting with Tarleton State, followed by McNeese at 11, while baseball wraps it up with the Vaqueros at 1.

Everyone is off on Easter Sunday. The Tangi Times sports department wishes the entire Southeastern Athletics family, as well as you and yours, a very happy Easter.

To read more about these and all SLU team, visit their online den, lionsports.net.

Cardinals Win at Home, Demons Continue to Scorch

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Bayou Birds soared early and often enroute to a 26-12 victory over the Tri-City Savages from the Hattiesburg area on Saturday night in Mandeville, picking up their first home win of the year. The team improves to 2-2 on the year and moves into a third-place tie in the Southern Division of the Next Level Football Alliance.

Things started well early. Bayou Lacombe received the opening kickoff and set up shop at midfield. It took just one play for the Cardinals to light up the scoreboard when QB Jervious Epherson threw a perfect strike to an in-stride WR Devin Scott for a 50-yard scoring pass at the 14:40 mark in the 1st to make it 6-0.

After an interception by Cardinals' DB Jashawn Lee on the Savages' opening series, the Birds were back in business in plus territory at the 40. The 5-play march was capped when Epherson found WR Kaleb Compana from 15 yards out to double their lead. The Cardinals elected to go for the 2-point conversion, but the attempt was unsuccessful at six minutes in.

On the next series for the home team, QB Ronde' White found a wide-open WR Xavier Chatman streaking down the home sideline for a perfectly thrown 72-yard scoring pass to swell the advantage to 18. The 2-point conversion attempt was unsuccessful with 3:00 to go in the 1st.

The ensuing Savage possession reached the Red Bird 16 before DE Jacob Dobraska (Bowling Green High School and Southeastern Louisiana University) picked up his first of 2 sacks on the night, backing the visitors up to the 22. Tri-City elected to go for it on 4th and 12 but would instantly regret it after Bayou Lacombe DB Corey Turner (a former UL-Lafayette Ragin' Cajun and Indianapolis Colt) stepped in front of the pass for a drive-ending interception, returning it to the 45.

The Cardinal offense didn't take long to increase their lead. The Epherson to Compana connection prevailed once again from 31 yards out at the 2:00 warning at the end of the 2nd. RB Josiah Miller added the 2-point conversion to increase their lead to 26-0 just before halftime.

The Savages broke into the scoring column early in the 3rd, thanks to a botched punt at the Bayou Lacombe 13, trimming the lead to 20. On the ensuing Savages' kickoff, the Cardinals fumbled the kick, and Tri-City recovered it at the 32-yard line.

The visitors cashed in seven plays later to make it 26-12. The Savages' 2-pt attempt was spoiled by Cardinal DB Markus Conerly's pass defense.

Epherson ended his night completing 7 of 7 pass attempts for 140 yards. Chatman led the 7 pass-catching receivers with 72 yards on 1 catch. Scott followed with 1 reception for 50 yards, and Compana contributed 2 catches for 46 yards.

Meanwhile, the team that both the Cardinals and Savages are chasing, the division front-running South Louisiana Demons, continued to flex their muscles in an impressive 36-12 win over Pike County in McComb. Coach Randy Whitney's dual QB system jumped out on PC early, with both signal callers accounting for a pair of scores.

John Chester threw two scoring strikes while Josh Edison had one by land, the other by air. Running back Ko Alfred also ran one in, and South Louisiana hit on three of their five 2-point tries on the night.

The Demon defense pass was just as potent, picking off two passes, including one by former Independence Tiger, Damien Morgan, Jr. Tawaski Harrison and Herbert Bell (Bowe) also snagged Titan passes.

The area's other NLFA team, the Bayou Vipers, didn't fare so well, falling 36-0 to the Pensacola Panthers. After last weekend, South Louisiana, who have not lost since the opener, is still the team to beat in the division with a mark of 3-1.

Tri-City sits a half game back at 3-2, and Bayou Lacombe and Pensacola are tied for third at 2-2, while Pike County sits at fifth at 2-3. The Vipers drop to sixth at 1-3 and the Alexandria Hawks, Calcasieu Kings, and Louisiana Huskies are all winless on the year.

Due to the Easter holiday weekend, there are no NLFA games scheduled for Saturday, but teams return to action on April 26. You can see the complete schedule and follow your favorite team online at nlfastrong.org.

Watch this list GROW!

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Pizza Shack
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Independence
The Man Shack
Hilltop Market & Deli
Minute Man Convenience
La Potosina

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Greensburg Family Pharmacy
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Pastalaya Bowl Pastalaya & roll	$7.49
Pastalaya Dinner Pastalaya, beans, green salad & roll	$8.99
Seafood Gumbo (seasonal) Shrimp, crab- meat, okra over rice	$10.99

The Secret's in the Pot!

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS

(availability varies)

Monday	
Pork Roast & Gravy with rice, corn, potato salad & roll	$9.49
Wednesdays	
Shrimp alfredo with roll	$10.49
Tuesdays & Thursdays	
Chicken Stew with rice, corn, potato rice, corn, potato salad & roll	$9.49
Fridays	
Crawfish Etouffee' with rice, corn, potato salad & roll	$11.99

LUNCH BUFFET

(DAILY 10:30 A.M.–2 P.M.)

Adults	$9.99
Kids 12 and under	$5.99

BEVERAGES

Bottled Water	$1.99
Fountain drink or Iced tea (20 oz)	$2.29
Fountain drink or Iced tea (32 oz)	$3.29

JAMBALAYA & GUMBO GREAT FOR ANY OCCASION!

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Congratulations to MELANIE BRECHEEN for being the first to identify last week's menu from Master Chef in Amite!

Restaurants: to be featured in Name that Menu, email publisher@tangitimes.com.

North Oaks Physician Wins Statewide Favorite Doctor Contest

From LHA Trust Funds

LHA Trust Funds is proud to announce Dr. Daniel Linarello, of North Oaks Health System, as the winner of the 2025 Louisiana's Favorite Doctor contest.

Created by Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) Trust Funds to honor physicians during National Doctors' Day on March 30, Louisiana's Favorite Doctor contest has grown into a year-round celebration of exceptional doctors. Patients and healthcare staff across the state submitted hundreds of heartfelt nominations, recognizing physicians who have made a meaningful impact on their lives.

(Courtesy Photo)

Dr. Daniel A. Linarello, MD, FACS of North Oaks Health System

Dr. Linarello received the most nominations, earning him the title of Louisiana's Favorite Doctor 2025. LHA Trust Funds and North Oaks Health System surprised Dr. Linarello with a live presentation to commemorate the achievement, where he was awarded a $1,000 grand prize.

"Dr. Daniel Linarello is more than a skilled surgeon," reads one of the hundreds of nominations he received. "He's a compassionate advocate for his patients and a true leader in healthcare. For 23 years, he has provided exceptional care with kindness, humor and dedication to innovation. He champions early detection and lifesaving treatments, making his patients feel valued and at ease. His impact extends beyond the operating room, shaping a healthier community through his expertise and genuine concern. Other nominations assert, "I would choose Dr. Linarello time and time again," and "I would recommend him to anyone!"

"Being a doctor is the ultimate way to give back to my community and help others in need," said Dr. Linarello. "Being a surgeon allows me to have an immediate impact on the health of my patients."

As a general surgeon, Dr. Linarello specializes in diagnosing and surgically treating conditions such as colon cancer, gallbladder disease, and hernias. He is certified in da Vinci® robotic surgery and is highly skilled in minimally invasive procedures.

"Our goal with this contest was to recognize and celebrate the dedication of physicians across Louisiana," said Cindy Dolan, President and CEO of LHA Trust Funds. "We are honored to highlight the incredible work that doctors like Dr. Linarello do every day to improve patient care."

"Dr. Linarello is our Physician of the Year for a reason," shares North Oaks President and CEO Michele K. Sutton, FACHE. "He is the heart of our hospital and embodies our mission to improve lives, every time, every touch."

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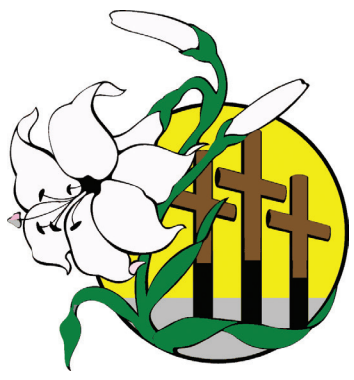

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Bennett's Story

Benefit Car Show

FREE ADMISSION to the public

$35 Show Car Entry Fee

May 3, 2025, 7:00am-2:00pm

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Thursday, April 17	Crossthreaded Band (5:30-9 pm)	TJ Barends (6-9 pm)
Friday, April 18	Blue Soul (6-9:30 pm)	Sylas Faust (6-9 pm)
Saturday, April 19	Lance Villafarra (10-1:30 pm) Pat Catania (2-5:30 pm) Mia Dixon (6-9:30 pm)	Ella & Mia (12-3 pm) Lake Ragan (6-9 pm)

Schedules are Subject to Change

GRACIE MARIE

4/18 - Streetside Market (6-8 pm)

4/19 - Natalbany Creek Campground (6-8 pm)

FEATURE SHOWS

Taylor Grace

4/18 - Oak Knoll Country Club (5-8 pm)

4/19 - Cilantros Mexican Cuisine (6-9 pm)

Featuring Elijah Martin